

## Audiogram transcript

- ▶ This new surveillance report focuses on pregnancy-related mortality (deaths) among California residents during the years 2008 through 2016.
- ▶ Pregnancy-related mortality is defined as a death while pregnant or within one year of the end of pregnancy from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management.
- ▶ During the reporting period, 1,934 women died while pregnant or within one year of the end of pregnancy. Nearly one third (608) of these deaths were related to pregnancy.
- ▶ In 2016, the pregnancy-related mortality ratio was 14.1 deaths per 100,000 live births.
- ▶ Cardiovascular disease was the leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths.
- ▶ We continue to see disparities based on geography and between racial/ethnic groups.
- ▶ In 2014-2016, the pregnancy-related mortality ratio for Black women was four to six times greater than the mortality ratios for women of other racial/ethnic groups including White, Hispanic/Latina and Asian/Pacific Islander.
- ▶ Older age, obesity, reliance on public insurance and living in less advantaged communities may have contributed to higher pregnancy-related mortality ratios for all racial/ethnic groups.
- ▶ CA-PMSS surveillance findings revealed a need for a more thorough investigation of pregnancy-related deaths to identify contributing factors and opportunities for improvement, to reduce disparities and prevent pregnancy-related mortality.